



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 8, 2001

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Senator Don Benton
Treasurer
Benton for Congress
P.O. Box 5076
Vancouver, WA 98668

RE: MUR 5066

Dear Senator Benton:

This is in response to your letter dated February 28, 2001 requesting an extension of 68 days until May 15, 2001 to respond to the General Counsel's Brief.

Considering the Federal Election Commission's responsibilities to act expeditiously in the conduct of investigations, the Office of the General Counsel cannot grant your full request, but can only agree to a 20 day extension from the original due date of March 8, 2001. Accordingly, the response is due by close of business on March 28, 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert R. Veldhuyzen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Albert R. Veldhuyzen
Attorney